

WHY UTAH OPENING MUST BE POSTPONED

Surveyor General Anderson, Submits a Full Report to Governor Wells Setting Forth What Has Been Done and What Still Remains.

Much to the disappointment of the people of Utah it will be impossible to throw open the Utah reservation as advertised on the 1st of next October. Although no time has been lost in prosecuting the surveys of the reservation, the work is still far from complete and in the opinion of Edward H. Anderson, U. S. Surveyor-General of Utah, it will require at least another year in which to complete it. The Surveyor-General, in answer to an inquiry made by Governor Wells, submitted an extended statement of the case and expressed the belief that it would be impossible to complete the surveys in sufficient time to insure the opening on schedule time.

A little more than a year ago, March 3, 1893, Congress passed the law providing for the opening of the reservation. The bill provided that the reservation in Utah be opened on October 1, 1904, and an appropriation was made for surveying the tract. In the present Congress an amendment to the law was introduced, providing that the opening be postponed for one year. The amendment passed the House but was afterwards defeated by Congressmen Howell and Smoot. When news of the proposed postponement reached the people of Utah, they immediately telegraphed, through State Senator Hardin Bennis of Vernal to the Governor, asking him to use his influence in preventing a postponement of the opening.

Governor Wells transmitted the petition of the people by wire to Senators Kearns and Smoot and Congressman Howell, with the result that they appeared before the Senate committee to which the bill had been referred and succeeded in getting the Senate to refuse to concur in the amendment of the House. Congressmen Howell afterwards succeeded in defeating the amendment in the House.

WHAT SURVEYOR-GEN. SAYS.
Everything was pointing to the opening of the reservation at the advertised time until Governor Wells asked the Surveyor-General if he could complete the surveys in time. The answer of Mr. Anderson goes into the matter fully and is a brief history of all that has been done. In his report he states that authority for conducting the surveys was given on April 21, 1893, and that the contracts were awarded—the first on July 20th and the last on August 10th, with the exception of one contract, which, owing to a change of deputy, was dated September 22d. The surveying parties worked all summer

and late into the fall, the last party not coming out until the middle of November, when driven in by the heavy snows.

Out of eighteen contracts awarded, the Surveyor-General says that only three have been completed. All of the others have been carried as far as was possible and many require but a little more work. A detailed status of these contracts is set out. The three surveys completed cost \$15,965, out of the total liability of \$94,250.

Of a total of 124 townships in the reservation forty-seven have been surveyed, leaving the lines of seventy-seven townships yet to be run. In giving an idea of the immensity of the undertaking, Mr. Anderson cites figures to show that in 124 full and fractional townships there will be approximately 8500 miles of section and boundary lines besides from 250 to 300 miles of reservation boundary in addition to the setting of the mile, half mile and angle corners.

It is further explained that the task of working up the field notes and getting out the maps is as large a job as making the surveys. It is expected that the twenty-seven plats, with corresponding notes, will be filed about August or September. The Surveyor-General says:

"This office is anxious to do everything possible to rush the work, and, as can be seen from the statements made in the fore part of this letter, no time was lost in the preliminary steps. Additional force will be secured as the field notes are filed, and every effort put forth to expedite matters, so that the reservation may be thrown open without delay, as far as this office is concerned."

"This office has done all that it could, and is doing all that can be done to complete it."

GOV. WELLS TAKES ACTION.
Referring to the letter of Surveyor-General Anderson, Governor Wells said last evening that he would immediately transmit a copy thereof to Senators Kearns and Smoot and Congressman Howell and also to State Senator Warden Bennis of Utah county. The Governor expressed regret that the opening would not take place at the time designated in the law, but said that in his opinion Surveyor-General Anderson's statements and explanations were conclusive and that the people of the state would be compelled to wait another year. He also said that from his own knowledge of the facts and conditions, the work had proceeded with proper dispatch and that the Surveyor-General's office was in no wise to blame for the apparent delay.

ST. MARY'S CHOIR CONCERT WAS THE BEST EVER GIVEN

There have been many entertainments given under the auspices of the choir of St. Mary's cathedral in recent years, but not one has given greater pleasure than that of last evening at the Salt Lake Theater, which was filled with an audience such as is called out only by the first-class traveling companies of the country. Every box and seat downstairs was occupied and the two galleries were comfortably filled.

There were any criticism to offer it would be that the program was a little long, but otherwise it could scarcely have been improved upon. All the numbers were especially appropriate to the day, and the green of the Emerald Isle was conspicuous in the tableaux and choruses during the evening. One could scarce imagine prettier pictures than those presented by the groups of children, large and small, who took part in the program, the closing scene, with the 125 children dressed in green and white, the Stars and Stripes waving with the flag of Ireland, while the children sang "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," being especially pretty and calling forth repeated applause.

To make special mention of the good things of the evening would be to reproduce the program for every number was given in most pleasing style and received the unstinted approbation of the audience. The soloists were all in fine voice, and each had received an encore had encores been the order of the evening, and one could but wonder at the young people who assisted the young people.

Known artists of the city, Miss Lottie Owen, J. D. Sullivan, Mrs. Martha Boyce-King, M. Edwards, McGeehan, Charles Kent and Arthur Pedersen being among the number, with Prof. Pedersen directing the soloists. Each of these artists was at his best and each was most enthusiastically received.

All in all the concert was a complete success and a very great deal of credit is due Miss Nora Gleason for this success, as it was she who arranged all the details and trained the children in their various parts. As the Theater was kindly tendered by the management and the arrangement of the program was most commendable, the guests spent an afternoon well, and the concert was well realized for the very worthy cause for which the concert was given.

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Splendid Meeting Held at Which Unanimous Action Was Taken to Accept the Government Offer—Success of the Great Proposition Is Now in Sight.

The North Jordan Irrigation company is the latest of the existing canal companies to fall into line in favor of the Utah lake and Jordan river Government improvement project. At the meeting of stockholders of this company held yesterday at Taylorville the proposition already agreed upon by the directors of all the other companies, and by the stockholders of all but two, was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The only other company whose stockholders have not yet held a meeting to act on the proposition is the East Jordan Canal company, whose meeting for this purpose will be held at Sandy at 2 p. m. today. There is little doubt that this company will act favorably. The only company that has taken unfavorable action is the South Jordan Canal company, some of whose members evidently labored under a misapprehension of the full scope of the project at the time the meeting was held. This presumption is given weight by the fact that some of the South Jordan stockholders, who are also members of the North Jordan company, attended the meeting of the latter company yesterday with the avowed intention of defeating the proposition there as they did in the South Jordan meeting, but with a better understanding of the subject they acted in its favor. It is the intention of President Cannon of the South Jordan company, therefore, to call another meeting of the stockholders to reconsider their former action.

When it is believed that the knowledge of the full scope of the project will lead to the success of the project which means so much to the farming industry of this valley and of Utah rests wholly with them, they will accept the very reasonable proposal offered.

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